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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 2,350,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. Deputy Chairman.—W. M. REINHOLD, Esq. H. HOPKINS, Esq. M. E. SASSOON, Esq. Hon. F. B. JOHNSON, Esq. C. VINCENT SMITH, Esq. A. P. McEWEEN, Esq. W. S. YOUNG, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.

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Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER.

Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 months, 4 per cent. " "
" 12 months, 5 per cent. " "

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East, Hongkong, August 10, 1882.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

LONDON BANKERS.

BANK OF ENGLAND. UNION BANK OF LONDON. BANK OF SCOTLAND, LONDON.

RATES OF INTEREST.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.
Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

OWING to the illness of Mr. NEWTON the Manager, Mr. W. S. RAMSEY has been appointed Acting Manager until further Notice.

P. BYRIE, Chairman, Local Committee.

Hongkong, August 20, 1882.

Intimations.

THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANON.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANON will be held at the Company's Office, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 18th day of September, 1882, at Three o'clock in the afternoon, when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed.

RESOLUTION.

That this Company, now registered under the Companies Ordinance No. 1 of 1865 as an Unlimited Company, be re-registered under the Companies Ordinance No. 1 of 1865 to 1881 as a Company Limited by Shares.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES, Acting Secretary.

Dated Hongkong, 30th day of August, 1882.

WILLIAM DOLAN, SAH-MAKKE & SHIP-CHANDLER.

22, PRINCE CENTRAL.

COTTON DUCKS, HEMP CANVAS, MANILA ROPE, AMERICAN OAKUM, LIFE BOOYS, CORK JACKETS, &c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, May 1, 1882.

Intimations.

TELEPHONES.

THE Undersigned begs to announce that under an Agreement made this day, he has ASSIGNED all his BUSINESS and Interest connected with the use of the above TELEPHONES to the "ORIENTAL TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED," (represented in Hongkong by the Great Northern Telegraph Company), and has engaged to import no more Telephones into the Colony, nor engage in any such work as may be opposed to the existing interests of the Company first named.

R. G. ALFORD, Surveyor, &c., &c.

Queen's Road, Hongkong, 8th September, 1882.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

THE Annual General Meeting of the HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB will be held in the CRICKET PAVILION on MONDAY, the 11th Instant, at 4.45 p.m. Gentlemen wishing to join are requested to communicate with the Hon. Sec.—HONGKONG CLUB.

W. HYNES, Hon. Sec., pro. tem.

Hongkong, September 4, 1882.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in a STATEMENT of the amount contributed during the Half-Year ending 30th June, 1882, on or before 30th September, on which date the Accounts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. COOKE, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, August 28, 1882.

NOTICE.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

BY Order of the Board of Directors, the SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are hereby notified that under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 1862, a further call of THIRTY SHILLINGS per Share has been made, and will be due on the 25th October.

Shareholders are therefore requested to make the said Payment at 3/4 per Dollar Exchange (87.96 per Share) to credit of the Company's Account with the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on or before the above-named date.

Any Calls not paid by the 2nd October, are by Section 22 of the Articles of Association liable to a Charge at the Rate of 10 per cent. per Annum from the due date until the date of Payment.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, August 28, 1882.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE BOOKS FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER OF SHARES in the above Company will be CLOSED here from the 21st Instant until 2nd Proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, September 5, 1882.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to note that on Surrender of their PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES for SHARES in this Office, PERMANENT SCIP will now be issued in Exchange.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1882.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

"SULPHOLINE LOTION.—An External Means of CURING SKIN DISEASES.

There is scarcely any eruption but will yield to "Sulpholine" in a few days, and commence to fade away, even if it is some past cure. Ordinary pimples, redness, blotches, scurf, roughness, vanish as if by magic; whilst old, enduring skin disorders, that have plagued the sufferers for years, however deeply rooted they may be, "Sulpholine" will successfully attack them. It destroys the animalcules which cause these unsightly, irritable, painful eruptions, and always produces a clear, healthy, natural complexion of the skin. "Sulpholine" Lotion is sold by most Chemists. Bottles, 2s. 9d.

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LIVER PILLS (with Mergol) are the BEST REMEDY FOR BILIOUSNESS, STOMACH DERANGEMENT, FLATULENCE, PAINS BETWEEN THE SHOULDERS, BAD APPETITE, INDIGESTION, ACIDITY, HEADACHE, HEARTBURN, and all other symptoms of disordered liver and dyspepsia. Acknowledged by many eminent surgeons to be the safest and mildest pills for every constitution.

In Boxes at 1s. 1/4, 2s. 9d., and 4s. 6d. Sold by Chemists and Medicine Vendors throughout the world.

Prepared by Jas. Rorke, London. Specially valuable Pills for residents abroad and travellers.

TARAXACUM & PODOPHYLLIN.

Prepared only by J. Peppier, London. This fluid combination, extracted from medicinal roots, is now used instead of blue pill and calomel for the cure of dyspepsia, biliousness, and all symptoms of congestion of the liver, which are generally pain beneath the shoulders, headache, drowsiness, no appetite, furred tongue, disagreeable taste in the morning, giddiness, disturbance of the stomach, and feeling of general depression. It sets the sluggish liver in motion, very slightly acts on the bowels, giving a sense of health and comfort within 24 hours. It is the safest medicine. Taraxacum and Podophyllin is a fluid made only by J. PEPPER, Bedford Laboratory, London, whose name is on every label. Bottles, 2s. 9d. and 4s. 6d. Sold by all Chemists. A most valuable and essential medicine for India, Australia, the Cape, and Colonies generally.

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For Sale.

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LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

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ELEY'S GREEN, BLUE AND BROWN CARTRIDGE CASES. ELEY'S WATERPROOF CAPS AND WADES.

PIGOU & WILKES' SPORTING GUNPOWDER. LEAD AND CHILLED SHOT.

GAME BAGS AND CARTRIDGE BELTS. RECAPING AND RELOADING MACHINES.

POWDER AND SHOT MEASURES. FLASKS, DOG WHISTLES, &c., &c.

SHOOTING BOOTS, STOCKINGS, HATS AND SUITS.

TINNED PROVISIONS AND LIQUORS provided for Shooting.

And at Special Rates.

PICNIC PARTIES

Hongkong, August 22, 1882.

Intimations.

FINAL DIVIDEND IN RE WILLIAM VON PUSTAU.

NOTICE is hereby given that it is proposed to hold at the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court on FRIDAY, the 21st day of January, 1883, a MEETING of CREDITORS to declare a FINAL DIVIDEND in the above Estate. All Creditors are hereby warned that the balance then remaining in the hands of the Official Assignee will be distributed among the Creditors, whose Claims will have been duly proved and accepted, and the Estate finally wound up.

EDW. J. ACKROYD, Registrar.

Registry, Supreme Court, the 30th day of August, 1882.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of \$3 per Share, for the Six Months ending 30th June, 1882, declared at To-day's Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders, will be payable at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION from TO-MORROW, the 29th Instant. Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the

By Order of the Directors,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD, Secretary.

Hongkong, July 28, 1882.

TAKASIMA COLLIERY.

THE Undersigned has been appointed AGENT for the SALE of the above COALS at Hongkong, from and after this date.

H. J. H. TRIPP, Mitsui Bishi Mail S. S. Co.

Hongkong, April 26, 1882.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,

the 14th September, 1882, at 3 p.m., on the Spot,

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEE—

ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND, Registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT No. 241, measuring 18 feet by 50 feet or thereabout. Together with the HOUSE No. 14, TAI-SING-SHAN STREET.

For Particulars, apply to

J. M. GUEDES, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, September 8, 1882.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from A. NEWTON, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 15th September, 1882, at 2 p.m., at his Residence at the Gas Works,

THE WHOLE OF HIS

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising—

DAMASK COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, ENGLISH-MADE MAHOGANY MARBLE-TOP TABLES, CANTON-BLACKWOOD MARBLE-TOP TABLES, CHINESE GLASSES, ENGRAVINGS, VASES AND ORNAMENTS.

DINING TABLE, WHATNOTS, LAMPS, DINING DESK, and BREAKFAST SETS; GLASS and PLATED WARE.

DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BEDSTEADS, IRON COTS, ENGLISH-MADE WALNUT WORK TABLE, ENGLISH-MADE MAHOGANY MARBLE-TOP WARDROBE and CHEST OF GLASS.

BRUSSELS CARPET and HEARTH RUGS. ONE GRAND PIANO, by COLLARD and COLLARD.

ONE HARMONIUM.

ONE SEWING MACHINE and STAND, by WILCOX & GIBBS.

BOOKS, MUSIC, &c., &c.

A few BOTTLES of CHOICE WINES, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Thursday, the 14th Instant.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, September 7, 1882.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts, \$17 per 1 doz. Case. Pints, \$18 per 2 doz. Case.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co. Hongkong, November 1, 1881.

NOW READY.

THE COMMERCIAL LAW AFFECTING CHINESE, with special reference to PARTNERSHIP REGISTRATION AND BANKRUPTCY LAWS IN HONGKONG.

Copies may be had at the China Mail Office, and at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,—Price, 75 cents.

FOR SALE.

B. & E. PERRIER'S CHAMPAGNE, CARTE BLANCHE.

Pints, \$18 per 2 doz. Case. 1/2 Pints, \$19 per 4 doz. Case.

GILMAN & Co. Hongkong, June 23, 1882.

NOW READY.

REPORT OF THE TRIAL—REINA (on the Complaint of D. E. Bandmann) versus R. FRANK-SMITH.

Copies may be had at the China Mail Office, and at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,—Price, 50 cents.

TO LET.

NO. 9, SEYMOUR TERRACE, Nos. 2 and 4, PEDDAR'S HILL, No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET, No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (lately occupied by PAQUET MAIL S. S. Co.).

Apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co. Hongkong, July 24, 1882.

TO LET.

NO. 2, LOWER MOSQUE TERRACE, Apply to

J. M. ARMSTRONG. Hongkong, August 31, 1882.

GODOWNS-TO LET.

PRATA EAST AND WANGCHAI ROAD. For Particulars, apply to

SIEMSEN & Co. Hongkong, April 26, 1882.

TO LET.

(WITH IMMEDIATE POSSESSION.)

THE NEW FAMILY RESIDENCE situated next to EXHIBITION on Robinson Road, replete with every convenience, TENNIS LAWN, STABLES, &c.

Also, 8 FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS of all Sizes—Water-side. Inspection is invited.

Apply to

SHARP, TOLLER & JOHNSON. Hongkong, June 15, 1882.

Insurances.

MANCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1824.

Capital of the Company £1,000,000 Sterling of which is paid up £200,000 Reserve Fund upwards of £120,000 Annual Income £250,000

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai, and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLADAY, WISE & Co. Hongkong, October 15, 1868.

THE SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND.

CAPITAL £1,000,000 (One Million Sterling) Unlimited Liability of Shareholders.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company are prepared to accept FIRE and MARINE RISKS at Current Rates, allowing usual Discounts.

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co. Hongkong, July 1, 1881.

Insurances.

NOTICE. QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept Risks on First Class Godowns at 1 per cent. net premium per annum.

NORTON & Co., Agents. Hongkong, May 19, 1881.

THE TOKIO MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE MITSU BISHI MAIL S. S. CO. having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, the Undersigned is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS, at Current Rates and usual Discounts.

H. J. H. TRIPP, Agent, M. B. M. S. S. Co. Hongkong, April 26, 1882.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, AGENTS of the above Company, are authorized to Insure against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co. Hongkong, January 1, 1882.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.) CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Insurances against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton. Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....£420,000.00 PERMANENT RESERVE.....£120,000.00 SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....£120,563.95

TOTAL CAPITAL AND ACCUMULATIONS, 6th April, 1882.....£660,563.95

Directors. H. DE C. FORBES, Esq., Chairman. J. H. PINCKVOSS, Esq., Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE—SHANGHAI. Messrs RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

LONDON BRANCH: Messrs BAKING BROTHERS & Co., Bankers.

RICHARD BLACKWELL, Esq., Agent, 68 and 69, Cornhill.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World.

Subject to a Charge of 12 1/2 per cent. for Interest on Shareholders' Capital, all the PROFITS of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS are annually distributed among all Contributors of Business (whether Shareholders or not) in proportion to the Premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents. Hongkong, May 8, 1882.

Shipping.

Steamers.

NOTICE.

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For Sale.

MacEwen, Frickel & Co.
No. 53, Queen's Road East,
(OPPOSITE THE COMMISSARIAT),
ARE NOW LANDING, EX
BRITISH BARQUE
"STILLWATER."

**DEVOE'S NONPAREIL
BRILLIANT
KEROSENE OIL,**
150° test.

**SPARTAN COOKING
STOVES.**

FAIRBANKS SCALES.
OAKUM.
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EX "AMERICAN MAIL."

**CALIFORNIA
BAKERS**
COMPANY'S BISCUITS in 5 lb
cans, and loose.
Alphabetical BIS-
CUITS.
Fancy Sweet Mixed
BISCUITS.
Ginger CAKES.
Soda BISCUITS.
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Cracked WHEAT.
OATMEAL.
HOMINY.
CORNMEAL.

TOPOCAN BUTTER.
Eastern and California CHEESE.
Boneless CUPFISH.
Prime HAM and BACON.
Eagle Brand Condensed MILK.
PEACH and APPLE BUTTER.
Pickled OX-TONGUES.
Family PIG-PORK in kegs and pieces.
Paragon MACKEREL in 5 lb cans.
Beau Ideal SALMON in 5 lb cans.
Outing's Assorted FRUITS in 24 lb cans.
Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.
Potted SAUSAGE and Sausage
MEAT.
Stuffed PEPPERS.
Assorted PICKLES.
MINCEMEAT.
COMB HONEY in Original Frames.
Richardson & Robbins' Celebrated Potted
MEATS.
Richardson & Robbins' Curried OYSTERS.
Lunch TONGUE.
McCarthy's Sugar LEMONADE.
CLAM CHOWDER.
Smoked SALMON.
Green TURTLE in 24 lb cans.
&c., &c., &c.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF STORES,
including:
TEVISON'S DESSERT FRUITS.
ALMONDS and RAISINS.
PICNIC TONGUES.
HOTTEN'S COCOA.
LIBBY'S & EPP'S COCOA.
FRENCH PLUMS.
PATE DE FOIE GRAS.

MINCKMEAT.
SAUSAGES.
BRAUNS.
ISIGNY BUTTER.

DANISH BUTTER.
BREAKFAST TONGUES.
ANCHOVIES.
ASPARAGUS.
SOUPS, &c.

WINES AND SPIRITS.

CHAMPAGNE—
HEIDRICK'S MONOPOLE & WHITE
SEAL.
VEUVE CHLOU PONSARDIN.
JULES MUMM & Co., pints and quarts.

CLARETS—
CHATEAU MARGAUX.
CHATEAU LA ROSE, pints and quarts.
CHATEAU LA FITE, " "
1883 GRAVES, " "
BREAFFEST CLARET, " "

SHERRIES & PORT—
SACONNE'S MANGANILLA & AMON.
TILLAM.
SACONNE'S OLD INVALID PORT
(1848).
HUNT'S PORT.

BRANDY, WHISKY, LIQUEURS, &c.—
1 and 3-star HENNESSY'S BRANDY.
BISQUIT DUBOIS & Co.'s BRANDY.
FARRE OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.
KINFAIRIE 12 WHISKY.
ROYAL GLENDEE WHISKY.
CHARTREUSE.
MARASCHINO.
CURACAO.
ANGOSTURA, BOKER'S and ORANGE
BITTERS.
&c., &c., &c.

BASS'S ALE, bottled by CAMERON and
SAUNDERS, pints and quarts.
GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. &
J. BOKER, pints and quarts.
PILSENER BEER, in quarts.
DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the
Gallon.
ALE and PORTER, in hogheads.

Specially Selected
CIGARS.

Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in
5 and 10 catty boxes.
BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

SEASIDE LIBRARY, 15 to 25 cents.

FRANKLIN SQUARE LIBRARY, 15 to
25 cents.

MILNE'S PATENT FIRE-PROOF
SAVES, and CASH BOXES, at
Manufacturer's Prices.
Hongkong, June 1, 1882.

Intimations.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 151.

CHINA SEA.

Uniform System of Colouring Buoys and Beacons in Chinese Waters.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the following system of colouring Buoys and Beacons has been adopted by the Imperial Maritime Customs of China:—

BUOYS.

No.	COLOUR OF BUOY.	DIRECTIONS AND EXPLANATIONS.
1	Red	Entering the Channel from seaward, Red buoys will be found on the Starboard side of the Channel, and must be left on the Starboard hand by vessels passing in.
2	Black	Entering the Channel from seaward, Black buoys will be found on the Port side of the Channel, and must be left on the Port hand by vessels passing in.
3	Red & Black Horizontal Bands	Buoys painted in Red and Black Horizontal Bands will be found in the fairway, and should be passed close to.
4	Red and Black Vertical Stripes	Buoys painted in Red and Black Vertical Stripes will be found on the ends of spits, and the outer and inner extremes of banks, shoals, or extensive reefs, where there is a navigable channel on either side.
5	Red and Black Chequers	Buoys painted in Red and Black Chequers will be used to mark rocks in the open sea, also to mark obstructions of small extent having channels on either side of them. When used for the latter purpose, they will be placed to seaward of the danger.
6	Red and White Chequers	When two chequered buoys of these colours are used to mark an obstruction, the Red and White one is to mark the Starboard side of the Channel, and must be left on the Starboard hand by vessels passing in; and the Black and White one is to mark the Port side of the Channel, and must be left on the Port hand by vessels passing in.
7	Black and White Chequers	When two chequered buoys of these colours are used to mark a rock or reef, the Red and White one is to mark the Starboard side of the Channel, and must be left on the Starboard hand by vessels passing in; and the Black and White one is to mark the Port side of the Channel, and must be left on the Port hand by vessels passing in.
8	Wreck Buoys	Wrecks will in all cases be marked by Green buoys, having the word "WRECK" painted on them in White letters, and when a wreck lies in the open sea or in a position where there is a navigable Channel with plenty of room on either side of it, the buoy will carry no other distinguishing mark, and will in every such case be placed to seaward of the wreck. Wreck buoys marked with an Even number must be left on the Starboard hand by vessels entering from the sea. Wreck buoys marked with an Odd number must be left on the Port hand by vessels entering from the sea. The numbers on wreck buoys will be painted in White, and placed above the word "WRECK."

Note.—All other distinguishing marks to Buoys will be in addition to the foregoing, and where such are employed, a particular description of the same will in each case be given in the published List.
Each Buoy will have an Iron Plate fastened on its outside, in some convenient place above the water-line, with the name of its district and station as given in the published List stamped thereon in English and Chinese, to insure its identification if found adrift.

BEACONS.

No.	COLOUR OF BEACON.	DIRECTIONS AND EXPLANATIONS.
1	Red	Entering the Channel from seaward, Red beacons will be found on the Starboard side of the Channel, and must be left on the Starboard hand by vessels passing in.
2	Black	Entering the Channel from seaward, Black beacons will be found on the Port side of the Channel, and must be left on the Port hand by vessels passing in.
3	Red and Black Vertical Stripes	Beacons painted in Red and Black Vertical Stripes will be used to mark spits and the outer and inner extremes of banks, shoals, or extensive reefs, where there is a navigable Channel on either side.
4	Red and Black Chequers	Beacons painted in Red and Black Chequers will be used to mark rocks in the open sea, also to mark obstructions of small extent having channels on either side of them.
5	Red and White Chequers	When two chequered beacons of these colours are used to mark a rock or reef, the Red and White one is to mark the Starboard side of the Channel, and must be left on the Starboard hand by vessels passing in; and the Black and White one is to mark the Port side of the Channel, and must be left on the Port hand by vessels passing in.
6	Black and White Chequers	When two chequered beacons of these colours are used to mark a rock or reef, the Red and White one is to mark the Starboard side of the Channel, and must be left on the Starboard hand by vessels passing in; and the Black and White one is to mark the Port side of the Channel, and must be left on the Port hand by vessels passing in.

Note.—It is to be understood that the above rules for painting beacons apply in each case to the body of the structure. When a beacon which is painted a single colour, either black or red, is surmounted by a distinguishing mark, such mark may be painted the same colour as the body of the beacon, or with that colour and white combined, or white alone.
When the body of a beacon is painted in two colours, the same colours only may be used to paint the mark by which it is surmounted. Whenever a distinguishing mark is used, a particular description of it will be given in the published List.
Beacons on shore, to enable bearings to be taken or to give lines of direction for crossing bars or entering rivers, harbours, etc., are to be painted so as to make them as conspicuous as possible. Red, Black, and White are the only colours to be used, and a particular description of such marks will be given in the published List.

By Order of the Inspector General of Customs, Coast Inspector's Office, SHANGHAI, 4th August, 1882.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

No. 152.

CHINA SEA.

Changes in Colouring of Buoys and Beacons.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in accordance with the System of Colouring Buoys and Beacons in Chinese Waters, which is described in Notice to Mariners No. 151 of this date, the changes that are specified below will be made on the 15th day of September, 1882, or as soon afterwards as may be practicable.

CANTON DISTRICT.

1.—Dutch Jolly South Buoy, now green, will be painted black.
2.—Dutch Fifty South Buoy, now green, will be painted black.

3.—Tideless Barrier Eastern Beacon, now black, white and red, will have its lower part, from upper end of braces downwards, painted red; the lower half of its pole, above the upper end of the braces, white; and the upper half of pole with the circular frame by which it is surmounted, red.

4.—Tideless Barrier Western Beacon, will be painted the same as the Eastern one.
5.—Tideless Barrier Middle Beacon, now black and white, will have its lower part, from upper end of braces downwards, painted red; the upper part will remain white.

SWATOW DISTRICT.

1.—Wyoming Rock Buoy, now red and black chequered, with a spherical cage, will carry an inverted frustum cage and be painted all black.

2.—Coker Rock Buoy, now red and black chequered, will be painted all black.
3.—Wreck Buoy, now painted red, will be painted green with the word "WRECK" and the numeral "4" on it in white.

AMOY DISTRICT.

1.—Coker Rocks Large Buoy, now in red and white vertical stripes, will be painted in black and white chequers.
2.—Coker Rocks Small Buoy, now red, will be painted in red and white chequers.
3.—Barlow Rock Buoy, now in red and white horizontal stripes, will be painted in red and black chequers.
4.—Killet Spit Buoy, now red, will be painted in red and black vertical stripes.
5.—Atlet Rock, Kingsmills, and Chio-tai Beacon, all of which are now white, will be painted black.

FOOCHOW DISTRICT.

1.—Oriental Rock Beacon, will be painted all red, except its name, which will be borne on its cage in white letters.
2.—Half Tide Beacon, of granite and now unpainted, will be painted black.

NINGPO DISTRICT.

1.—Seasick Rock Buoy—The cage and tripod of this buoy, which are now red, will be painted black.
2.—Blonde Rock Beacon, now painted white, will have its colour changed to red.
3.—Blonde Rock Beacon, now painted white, with a red cage, will be painted all black.
4.—Nemesis Rock Beacon, which is a

single, white spar, will be painted red and surmounted with an inverted frustum cage.

Painted black with the exception of its cage which is to remain white.
5.—Tiger's Tail Beacon, now all white, will be painted black with the exception of its cage which is to remain white.

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

1.—Lismore Wreck Buoy will have the numeral "1" painted over the word "WRECK."
2.—Inner Buoy, now in red and black vertical stripes, will be painted red.

NEUCHWANG DISTRICT.

1.—East Spit Beacon, which is a spar mounted with two black balls with the numeral "V" on the lower one, will be painted all red.
2.—Noddy Beacon, a white spar mounted with a diamond-shaped red box, with the numeral "IV" painted thereon, will have its spar painted red and its diamond-shaped box also painted red, with the exception of a horizontal stripe one foot wide around its middle, which is to be painted white.

3.—Middle Bank Beacon, a red spar mounted with a diamond-shaped black box, having the numeral "III" painted thereon, will have a spherical cage substituted for its diamond-shaped one and be painted all red.
4.—Flagstaff Beacon, a black and white spar mounted with two black, diamond-shaped boxes bearing the numeral "II" on the lower one, will be painted red from the ground to the bottom of the lower box or mark, while from thence to the bottom of the upper mark, and the remainder red.

5.—Fish House Beacon, a black spar mounted with a diamond-shaped red box bearing the numeral "I," will be painted all black.
By Order of the Inspector General of Customs, Coast Inspector's Office, SHANGHAI, 4th August, 1882.

Imperial Maritime Customs, Coast Inspector's Office, SHANGHAI, 4th August, 1882.

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To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The Steamship "Yangtze," Captain E. Lee, will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 10th Instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, September 9, 1882. se10

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.
The Steamship "Paz," Captain R. Claerber, will be despatched for the above Ports on SATURDAY, the 16th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, September 9, 1882. se16

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Company's Chartered Steamship "May," Captain T. Tutton, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 16th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.
Hongkong, September 9, 1882. se16

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE.

On and after TUESDAY, the 12th Inst., and until further Notice, the Hour of Departure of the "White Cloud" from Macao will be 7.30 a.m.

By Order,
P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.
Hongkong, September 9, 1882. se13

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Sept. 9, Yangtze, British steamer, 784, Ed Lee, Shanghai Sept. 3, and Swatow 8, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.
Sept. 9, Peking, British steamer, from Canton.

Sept. 9, Fuyue, Chinese steamer, 920, Barfoot, Shanghai Sept. 6, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.
Sept. 9, Peking, British steamer, 752, W. N. Allison, Bangkok Sept. 2, General.—YUN FAT HONG.

Sept. 9, Amoy, British steamer, 814, C. Hartmann, Shanghai Sept. 4, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.
Sept. 9, Lily, H. M. gun vessel, 720, Richard Evans, Swatow Sept. 7.

DEPARTURES.

Sept. 9, Nanyang for Newchwang
9, Diamond, for Amoy and Shanghai.
9, Solace, for Hongkong.
9, St. Louis, for Tientsin.
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PASSENGERS.

Per Yangtze, from Shanghai and Swatow, 110 Chinese.
Per Fuyue, from Shanghai, Mr J. S. Brewer, and 80 Chinese.
Per Peking, from Bangkok, 20 Chinese.
Per Amoy, from Shanghai, Mr Gervase, and 14 Natives.

Per Diamond, for Amoy and Shanghai, Mr Peck, Mr Wilkinson, and Col. The Austin.
Per Solace, for Hongkong, 12 Chinese.
Per Hwai Yuen, for Shanghai, 60 Chinese.
Per Peking, for Shanghai, Mr Moncarini.
Per Peking, for Shanghai, 6 Chinese.
Per Chi Yuen, for Straits, 113 Chinese.
To DEPART.

Per Yangtze, for London, Capt. and Miss Nicholson, Mr S. Simpson, and Mr Place; for Singapore, Malay woman and child, Mr J. Thompson, 1 European deck, and 20 Chinese.
Per Fuyue, for Swatow, &c., 2 Europeans, and 130 Chinese.
Per Emerald, for Manila, 35 Chinese.
Per Peking, for Hoihow, &c., 50 Chinese.
Per Olympia, for Saigon, 50 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Chinese steamer Fuyue reports: Fine clear weather with light variable winds throughout. Sept. 8th, spoke London Castle.
The British steamer Peking reports: First part S.W. wind and heavy rains, last 2 days strong N.E. wind and sea. Passed S. S. Penedo and barque Pand bound South.
The British steamer Amoy reports: From Shanghai to Tongking light southerly winds and fine, thence to port fresh N.E. wind and fine weather.
The British gun vessel Lily reports: Fine weather throughout.

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

MAILS will close:

For SHANGHAI.—
Per Yangtze, at 9 a.m. To-morrow, the 10th inst.
For MANILA.—
Per Emerald, at 2.30 p.m., on Monday, the 11th inst.
For NEW YORK.—
Per ship Paul Jones, at 3 p.m., on Monday, the 11th inst.
For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—
Per Devonshire, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 12th inst.
For NAGASAKI.—
Per Fuyue, at 3.30 p.m., on Tuesday, the 12th inst.
For SAIGON.—
Per Killyear, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 12th inst.
For NAGASAKI, KOBE, and YOKOHAMA.—
Per Nigata Maru, at 3.30 p.m., on Friday, the 15th inst.
For NAGASAKI and YOKOHAMA.—
Per Bangalore, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 16th inst.
For STRAITS AND CALCUTTA.—
Per Moray, at 2.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th inst.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—
ZEON, British steamer, Captain T. Thomas.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
CAIRNSMITE, British steamer, Captain G. Castle.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
CAVOR, British steamer, Captain R. H. Joy.—Russell & Co.
CAROLINE DEER, German barque, Capt. C. Hufenhauer.—Siemssen & Co.
BUN'S ISLE, British ship, Captain J. Fleming.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.
MADRAS, British steamer, Capt. W. H. Barclay.—Thor, Howard & Co.
MORAY, British steamer, Captain Wm. Tutton.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
NIEDERHOE, German schooner, Capt. C. Rubarth.—Captain.
RUTHIN, British ship, Captain R. B. Montgomerie.—Order.
SUNWAY, British steamer, Captain Robt. Jarvis.—Butterfield & Swire.
VICTOR, British barque, Captain James Forbes.—Siemssen & Co.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
Shipping.
Daylight.—Fuyue leaves for Swatow, &c. Daylight.—Peking leaves for Bangkok, &c. 10 a.m.—Yangtze leaves for Shanghai. Goods per Pao undelivered after this date subject to rent.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.—
St. John's Cathedral.—Rev. W. Jennings, Colonial Chaplain. Morning Service 11, Evening 5 (except Sunday). Holy Communion every Sunday, except the 2nd and 4th in the month.
Military Service.—Rev. J. Ost, Acting Military Chaplain. Parade Service at 8 a.m. Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sundays at the conclusion of the Parade Service.
Union Orphan.—Soldiers Service at 8.45 a.m. Morning Service, 11 a.m.—Rev. John Colville. Divine Service in Chinese, 2.30 p.m. every Sunday, with communion on first Sunday of every month.—Rev. C. J. Edge.
St. Peter's Church, for SEAMEN, &c.—Rev. J. Ost, Chaplain. Service at 8 a.m. Holy Communion at 10 a.m. on the third Sunday in each month. All the Seats are free.

LONDON MISSION CHAPEL, Queen's Road West.—Hongkong Christian Association Service for Seamen, Sunday and Thursday, 7.30 p.m.
St. Stephen's Mission Church.—Rev. J. B. Ost, and Rev. Lo San Yuen. (All Services in Chinese). Morning Prayer, 11 a.m. Bible Class, at 3 p.m. Preaching, at 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion, 1st Sunday in Chinese month.
GERMAN BETHEDE CHAPEL.—Service in the German language, by Rev. W. Lott, every Sunday, at half-past ten a.m., in the Chapel of the Berlin Foundling House, West Point.
St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.—8 a.m. Mass and Sermon. 5.30 p.m. Evening Service, Benediction.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.
Shipping.
3 p.m.—Emerald leaves for Manila. Goods per London Castle undelivered after this date subject to rent.
Meeting.
4.45 p.m.—Meeting of H.K. Cricket Club.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.55 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1882.

Some ten months since, we called attention to a complaint which had been made officially concerning the conduct of the Government Marine Surveyor. The complaint took the shape of a remonstrance, on the part of the local marine surveyors, against private surveys being undertaken, and private fees accepted, by the Government Marine Surveyor appointed under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance. At the time we wrote as follows, among other things:—

"If the strict letter of the Ordinance be adhered to, and the original intention be carried out that all fees shall go to the Government, the public ought to be the gainers. But if the contract of engagement with the present Surveyor did not clearly set forth that no private fees of any kind could be earned by him, then some compensation should be made by the Government for such deprivation, or for such extension of his working hours as may be decided upon. The strictest interpretation of the law, so far as the acknowledged and well-known fee of the Ordinance are concerned, and the most liberal interpretation of any points that might be doubtful in the service contract, are the considerations that would call His Excellency's attention to a matter such as that now raised by the local surveyors. But it is to be hoped that however much or little ground there may be for the complaint officially made, the subject referred to will now be set at rest once and for all, in the interests of the commercial community and of all parties concerned."

What consideration may have been given to the question of remuneration, which was then alleged by the Government Surveyor as a reasonable ground for extra remuneration, we are not in a position to say. It is sufficient

for the present purpose—viz., to inform all shipowners and shipmasters concerned—to state that Lord Kimberley has decided that the Government Marine Surveyor shall not undertake private surveys. This, therefore, settles the matter once and for all, the other consideration of remuneration (or salary) being one between the official concerned and the local Government.

Captain Fryer, of the *Hongkong* lately wrecked, was presented, on his arrival here on Tuesday last, with a very handsome present by the Chinese passengers who were on board the vessel at the time of the wreck to show their appreciation of the exertions which he put forth for their benefit and comfort. The Commodore of the *Hongkong* made the presentation, which took the form of a silver cup and salver of very elegant design, with the following inscription in English and Chinese: "Presented to Captain J. B. Fryer by the passengers of the *Hongkong*, in recognition of his watchful care of them in the hour of danger."

It was decided this morning by the Administration in Council that, as satisfactory assurances had been obtained from Amoy and Swatow that all vessels reaching these ports from Manila would be subjected to stringent quarantine, no further observation would be necessary for vessels arriving here from the Coast Ports with a clean bill of health. This action frees the Coast trade from the embarrassing restrictions which have lately fallen somewhat heavily upon this branch of commerce; and while we congratulate those concerned upon the result, we cannot refrain from expressing regret that the authorities concerned at Amoy and Swatow (especially in Amoy) did not carry out their necessary part of the arrangement two or three weeks ago. Had Amoy taken action at once, vessels arriving here from Foochow and Swatow would have been saved the loss and inconvenience necessitated by the enforcement of quarantine. It is extremely difficult to obtain any reliable news from Manila, concerning the terrible epidemic and consequent "scare" which have been the cause of nearly all our quarantine restrictions. On Monday last, we stated that a private telegram had been received, stating that the virulence of the pestilence was lessening. Two days since, we learn, another private message was to hand, confirming this improvement; and this morning another private telegram was received from Manila, to the effect that the epidemic was decreasing generally, that it was decreasing rapidly in Manila, and that at Iloilo it was nearly at an end. Zamboanga, it is said, has suffered more than any other place; and there can be no doubt but that good reasons existed for all the precautions that have been taken in this Colony against infection. It seems to us rather remarkable, however, that so little official information has been received here from H. B. M. Consul at Manila. Unless the restrictions of martial law enforced in the Philippines have gagged the British Consul, and prevented him from giving the true facts of the case, it is difficult to reconcile the almost entire absence of important information on this absorbing subject with the due performance of his duties as a supervisor of British interests. There may, of course, be some explanation of this strange fact, but it is not at present very apparent; and the fact remains that nearly every scrap of information has come through private sources.

As we mentioned in last night's issue, advice had been received from Acting Consul Jordan, in charge of H. M. Consulate at Kiung-chow (Hoi-how), that cholera had disappeared from that locality; and thereupon Hoihow has been removed from the list of infected ports. Trade will therefore be resumed all along the West Coast without interruption.

The following account, duly certified, of the average amount of bank notes in circulation in Hongkong during the month ending 31st Aug., 1882, is published for general information in the *Gazette*:

BANKS.	AVERAGE SPECIES AMOUNT.	RESERVE.
O. B. Corporation,	981,459	350,000
C. M. Bank of India, London & China,	919,849	310,000
C. B. of India, Australia & China,	704,572	270,000
H. & S. Banking Corporation,	1,024,871	600,000
Total,	8,430,751	1,530,000

We are sorry to learn that Mr. O. Naylor, Chief Officer of the *Kangchi*, died of cholera early this morning. He went ashore last night, but soon returned complaining of being sick. Towards midnight he got worse, and Mr. Henderson was sent for, but the remedies he applied were unavailing, and Mr. Naylor gradually got worse and succumbed this morning. He was only twenty-five years of age. The funeral took place this afternoon at four o'clock. Nearly every vessel in port had its flag at half-mast to-day.—*Courier*.

There must be something very rotten in the state of the Great Northern Company's cables. Shanghai is now entirely cut off from telegraphic communication with Europe and Japan; the cable between Gutzlaff and Nagasaki having failed on Sunday and that between Amoy and Hongkong having followed suit yesterday. This immense inconvenience, which the constant stoppage of the public need not be dilated on now. We have suffered from them ever since the line was opened, and any hopes that may have been formed long ago that by continual patching the faults of the original cables would disappear in time, have been disappointed years since. There cannot be much of the original cable left now. Seriously, these constant stoppages of traffic on the Great Northern lines are getting beyond the patience of the community, and occur so frequently that they must be attributed to accidents; they must arise from the stretched condition into which the cables have fallen.—*N. C. D. News*.

RUMOUR is busy with the names of possible successors of Sir Thomas Wade in the event of his retirement. A very prominent competitor is said to be Sir Harry Parkes, who is credited with making great efforts to secure the vacant post. Sir Edward Malet probably looks forward to a European career, and at the present moment could scarcely be spared in Egypt; while Mr. Fraser, who was formerly Chargé d'Affaires at Peking, cherishes only very modest hopes. It is known that Mr. Rennie, who is shortly due in China as Chief Justice at Shanghai, is doing what he can to secure the appointment of Sir Julian Pauncefote, with an eye to the post formerly held by the latter in Hongkong; and to this may be attributed the reports lately current respecting Sir Julian being the acknowledged successor of Sir Thomas. The friends of Sir Pope Hennessy have also been active in having two telegrams sent to Downing Street that the choice may fall upon that energetic official, who seems to have made such a favourable impression on certain classes of Chinese. If we might venture to express an opinion, however, we should say that no appointment would be received with such universal acclamations of satisfaction by foreigners as that of Sir Edward Malet.—*N. C. D. News*.

Law Notice.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.
(Before the Hon. Sir G. Philippo, Knt., Chief Justice.)
PHONATE JUDICMENT, Monday, 11th September, 10.30 a.m.—In the goods of Lau Fan, deceased.—Estate of Lau Wong Shi, the widow, for probate.

(In Registrar's Chambers.)
11 a.m.—In the matter of Choy Yik Shing, bankrupt.—Adjourned meeting of creditors.

INQUESTS.

The inquest regarding the death of the child whose body was found on the steps of the Italian Convent on the morning of the 7th instant, was resumed at the Magistrate's this afternoon before the Coroner, Mr. H. E. Wodehouse, and Messrs A. G. Morris, S. E. Casanuboy, and A. J. Gomes as a jury. The watchman employed at the Convent gave evidence to the effect that he came across the child about half past twelve on the morning of the 7th; it had been placed there between half past eleven and the hour at which he first observed it. It was apparently dead, but he could not say positively as he did not touch it. This finished the evidence.

The Coroner said the reason an inquest was held was that the doctor in his report had stated that the child might have died from exposure. The only grounds he had for stating that, however, was that he knew that poor Chinese sometimes exposed their children for the purpose of causing their death. There was no evidence to show that death had been caused by exposure, but if the jury had any doubts about it the simpler plan would be to return a verdict of found dead. He knew it was as much a custom for poor Chinese to place their dead children in the street, in order that they might receive a burial which the people were not able to afford, as to expose children for the purpose of causing their death.

The jury returned a verdict of death from natural causes.

MANSLAUGHTER.
The enquiry into the death of Tse Alung, a Chinaman about fifty years of age, who died in the Hospital from rupture of the spleen in Thursday evening, was next resumed. This was the inquest that could not be proceeded with owing to the prisoner who was charged with assaulting the deceased not being present.

Ng Lai Hing, an earth cooler, said that on the evening of the 5th instant, just immediately after witness and the deceased, who was a fellow cooler, had partaken of dinner in the house of the head cooler at Taim-hai Tsui, the deceased proceeded to the kitchen to get some hot water. The defendant went up to the deceased and wanted to take the water from him. This led to some words; and while the deceased was bending down, the defendant struck him a blow on the right side, just beside the ribs, with the bamboo handle of a pick axe. The deceased then fell down, and shortly afterwards vomited. The head cooler went for some medicine, but as the deceased did not improve, they removed him on a wheelbarrow to Yau-ma Tei Police Station the following evening.

Chi Atai corroborated the statement made by the last witness as to seeing the blow struck; he heard them quarrelling, but did not know what it was about. The deceased did not strike the defendant. After the defendant struck the blow, he tried to run away, but the head cooler stopped him, and he was taken to the Police Station at the same time as the deceased was, viz., the following evening. Witness was not sure whether the deceased was struck on the side or on the back; he thought it was across the back. The deceased had not seemed to be unwell previous to the assault, and had been at work regularly every day.

Gwan Sing, P.C., said that while on duty on the road between Jung Hom and Yau-ma Tei, he shortly after six o'clock on the evening of the 5th instant, he met the first witness and another cooler conveying the deceased in a wheelbarrow, while another man had the defendant in charge. He took charge of the defendant and accompanied them to the Station. The deceased was sent to the Hospital the same evening.

Dr. Marques, who gave evidence yesterday to the effect that the immediate cause of death was occasioned by rupture of the spleen, was recalled, and stated that there was no mark of a blow on the body of the deceased. Supposing the blow to have been given, viz., of opinion that in the state of the spleen of the deceased it would have been the immediate cause of rupture, which was the immediate cause of death. The deceased had been suffering from age, and would, in his opinion, have survived only a few days more, even if the spleen had not been ruptured.

The Coroner, in summing up to the jury, said that if they were of opinion that the immediate cause of death was the rupture of the spleen, and that that rupture was occasioned by the blow given by the defendant, it would be their duty to return a verdict of manslaughter against the defendant.

The jury returned a verdict of manslaughter against the defendant accordingly.

In connection with this case it will be remembered that we yesterday reported that the Foreman protested against having to attend a case which was not properly reported, and said that he would take legal advice. It would seem also that the

foreman had protested before the inquest commenced, having to attend at such an unreasonable hour as half-past two.

To-day the Coroner, with reference to these protests, said: "Before we separate, I should like to say something with regard to what was said by the Foreman of the jury yesterday. The first thing the Foreman took exception to was the hour at which the jurors were summoned to attend. I think it necessary to explain that the Coroner has nothing to do with the summoning of the jurors, nor with the fixing of the hours for holding inquests. He cannot consult with the jurors beforehand; and the hour is fixed in accordance with the convenience of the public interest. The hour usually fixed is sometime in the afternoon, which suits the Police and the Medical Officers. The Coroner not knowing who the jurors he is to meet are, it is impossible for him to consult with them. With regard to the further complaint the Foreman made, after being sworn, as to the manner in which the case was brought forward, I think it right to say that the Foreman is not to be taken as a witness; it is the duty of the Police; and so far as the Coroner is concerned he knows nothing until the inquest has been held. As therefore, the strictures passed by the Foreman upon the manner in which the case was brought forward, reflects some what upon the Police, I think it right to say that the Foreman is not to be taken as a witness; it is the duty of the Police; and so far as the Coroner is concerned he knows nothing until the inquest has been held. As therefore, the strictures passed by the Foreman upon the manner in which the case was brought forward, reflects some what upon the Police, I think it right to say that the Foreman is not to be taken as a witness; it is the duty of the Police; and so far as the Coroner is concerned he knows nothing until the inquest has been held. 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